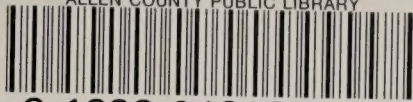


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Frederick Alderfer, the founder of the family in the United States was born in Germany, on the 10th day of May, 1715. He was educated in the Lutheran faith. He arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on the ship "General", August 12, 1732, when only seventeen years old. A personal friend by the name of "Flemer" was asked a bill of exchange for his passage with the understanding that he would work for him to repay him. So he went at once to lower Salford Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. where he worked for nearly ten years. Before the time expired Mr. Flemer died leaving the widow with two small children. Later he married the widow and they had several children (I think five). He operated the mill and five or six years later it became known as the "Alderfer Mill". This mill has remained in the Alderfer family until this day. For many years it was the life stream of supply for that district, having been rebuilt into a large six story stone structure. It was the pleasure of the writer to visit this mill in 1928 as well as the burial grounds of the Alderfers and the Bernmans.

The third child of this union was Frederick, whose third child, Frederick, was the father of Frederick Alderfer of whom we are descendants. This Frederick Alderfer was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Pa., June 28th, 1810. The family being of deep Christian devotion attended the local church which was of the "Lutheran faith". He not only became interested in farming and providing bread for the body but also later led his life into the ministry of the Gospel for the soul of man, which later led him into the ministry of the Gospel.

History of Frederick Alderfer

1715

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T. R. Groman

When he was 21 years old he married Mary Fry, a grand-daughter of Benjamin Bernman of Lincoln Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. who was a son of Frederick Bernman, who was born in Switzerland near the Swiss frontier in 1777 and came to America in 1721. Mary Fry was born there on July 21st, 1810.

After this union they soon moved to Columbia Co., Pa., where some of their children were born. They were the parents of five daughters and two sons. The girls all grew up and raised families but two sons died when babies.

Four of the girls were born in Columbia Co., Pa. They were:

Fannie	(Married)	1832
Elizabeth	(Married)	April 21st, 1834
Mary	(Married)	August 24th, 1836
Anna	(Married)	August 10th, 1837

Soon after they left by an iron bridge to Ohio by covered wagon and settled in Moon Township, Seneca Co., Ohio (about 15 miles from here, Tiffin) in the fall of 1838.

John was born April 18th, 1835 and died March 25th, 1881, and was buried in the old Seneca cemetery just up the road a little piece from their home.

In 1837 Benjamin was born and died shortly after and was buried beside his little brother a few months before.

Madeline (Alderfer) was born April 18th, 1844 on the farm where which they had purchased on the 14th, 1840, which consisted of 160 acres. She was attended by the Methodist church of the "Little Valley" in Seneca Township, Ohio in 1860. At that time it was known as the District of Seneca. This was bought from Henry (Alderfer) who had bought it from his brother in 1839. He had purchased it from a German in 1839.

History of Frederick Alberta

1712

by

T. R. Gorman

HISTORY OF "FREDERICK ALDERFER" 1715

"Frederick Alderfer" the founder of the family in the United States was born in the "Palatinate" in Germany, on the 18th day of May, 1715. He was christened to the Lutheran faith. He arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on the ship "Samuel", August 11, 1732, when only seventeen years old. A personal friend by the name of "Klemmer" who owned a mill had made arrangements for his passage with the understanding that he would work two years to repay him. So he went at once to lower Salford Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. where he worked for nearly two years. Before the time expired Mr. Klemmer died leaving the widow with two small children. Later he married the widow and they had several children (I think five). He operated the mill and from that time on it became known as the "Alderfer Mill". This mill has remained in the Alderfer family until this day. For many years it was the life stream of supply for that district, having been rebuilt into a large six story stone structure. It was the pleasure of the writer to visit this mill in 1928 as well as the burial grounds of the Alderfers and the Bornemans.

The third child of this union was named John, whose third child, Frederick, was the father of Frederick Alderfer of whom we are descendants. This Frederick Alderfer was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Pa., June 28th, 1810. The family being of deep Christian devotion attended the local church which was of the "Mennonite Faith". He not only became interested in farming and providing bread for the body but also in the deep spiritual things which provided bread for the soul of man, which later led him into the ministry of the faith.

When he was 21 years old he married Mary Fry, a grand-daughter of Christian Borneman of Limerick Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. who was a son of Frederick Borneman, who was born in Switzerland of an officer of the Swiss Army in 1699 and came to America in 1721. Mary Fry being born there on July 28th, 1810.

After this union they soon moved to Columbia Co., Pa., where some of their children were born. They were the parents of five daughters and two sons. The girls all grew up and raised families but both sons died when babies.

Four of the girls were born in Columbia Co., Pa. They were:

Fannie	(Kintner)	1832
Elizabeth	(Kintner)	April 21st, 1834
Mary	(Hiestant)	August 24th, 1836
Anna	(Traxler)	August 18th, 1837

Soon after, they left by ox team moving to Ohio by covered wagon and settled in Bloom Township, Seneca Co., Ohio (about 15 miles from here, Tiffin) in the fall of 1838.

John was born April 14th, 1839 and died March 5th, 1841, and was buried in the old Mennonite cemetery just up the road a little piece from their home.

In 1841 Benjamin was born and died shortly after and was buried beside his little brother of a few months before.

Magdalena (Bohm) (Ardner) was born April 28th, 1844 on the farm nearby which they had purchased on May 6th, 1840, which consisted of 160 acres. It was situated 2½ miles southeast of the little town of Bloomville in Bloom township and cost them \$1500. At that time it was known as the District of Bucyrus. This was bought from Henry Troxel and wife who had bought it from his brother in 1836 for \$200. Jacob had purchased it from the government on Oct. 8th, 1834.

Both Frederick and Mary (Fry) A. Alderfer, being of deep Christian character, showed deep interest in the religious affairs of the early settlers as the

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"Frederick Albion" the founder of the family in the United States was born in the "Falmouth" in Germany, on the 15th day of May, 1715. He was emigrated to the United States, he arrived in Philadelphia, Pa. on the ship "Samuel", August 11, 1732, when only seventeen years old. A personal friend by the name of "Hilmer" who owned a mill had made arrangements for his passage with the understanding that he would work two years to repay him. So he went at once to Lower Salford Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. where he worked for nearly two years. Before the time expired Mr. Hilmer died leaving the widow with two small children. Later he married the widow and they had several children (I think five). He operated the mill and from that time on he became known as the "Albion Mill". This mill has remained in the Albion family until this day. For many years it was the life stream of supply for that district, having been remodeled into a large six story stone structure. It was the pleasure of the writer to visit this mill in 1928 as well as the burial grounds of the Albions and the Hornmans.

The third child of this union was named John, whose third child, Frederick, was the legendary Frederick Albion of whom we are so fond. This Frederick Albion was born on a farm in Montgomery County, Pa. June 28th, 1810. His family being of deep Christian devotion attended the local church which was of the "Methodist faith". He not only became interested in farming and providing bread for the body but also in the spiritual things which provided bread for the soul of man. Frederick later led his family to their eternal home.

When he was 21 years old he married Mary, a young daughter of Christian Hornman of Bloom Township, Montgomery Co., Pa. who was a son of Frederick Hornman, who was born in England of an officer of the army in 1777 and came to America in 1782. They had four children born on May 28th, 1810.

After this union they soon moved to Columbia Co., Pa. where some of their children were born. They were the parents of five daughters and two sons. The girls all grew up and married families but none ever had more babies.

Four of the girls were born in Columbia Co., Pa. They were:	
Anna	(1811)
Mary	(1813)
Elizabeth	(1815)
Fannie	(1817)

Soon after they left by an team moving to Ohio by covered wagon and settled in Bloom Township, Canada Co., Minn. (about 15 miles from here, still) in the fall of 1838.

John was born April 15th, 1839 and died March 2nd, 1881, and was buried in the old "Methodist cemetery" just up the road a little from their home.

In 1841 Benjamin was born and died shortly after and was buried beside his little brother of a few months before.

Magdalena (Baker) (1843) (1844) was born April 20th, 1844 on the farm near which they had purchased in 1838, 1840, which contained 100 acres. It was situated 15 miles northwest of the little town of "Falmouth" in Bloom Township and was then 4500. At that time it was known as the "District of Falmouth". This was bought from Henry (Baker) and wife who had bought it from his brother in 1830. About 1840 Frederick was born to the government on Oct. 28th, 1840.

to the County just 14 years after its organization.

He became one of the ministers of the church, this church having burned and never rebuilt. The families joined the Church of the Brethern, then known as the "Dunkirks" who had a thriving congregation just north of the town of Bloomville. He became an elder, rather a district preacher. The churches being few and far between he would go on horseback many miles to preach, thus became an old circuit rider of those days. He was considered a man of wealth those days as he was the owner of two ox teams besides his riding horse.

A story has been handed down as follows: " His poor catholic neighbors wished to build a church of logs and had no ox teams to draw them, so came to him and asked if they could hire his ox team to draw their logs from the woods nearby. He said, "No, but I will take my team and draw them for you without cost". This he did. A year later during harvest he was called 50 miles to preach the funeral of a child, and by doing so he knew he would lose his crops, as they needed harvesting at once. Yet, at the sacrifice he went as it was his duty to his Christ and God as well as man. When he returned, expecting to find his crops ruined, as it required no less than a three day journey, he found to his surprise that his harvest was all taken care of while he was gone. His catholic neighbors had heard of his mission so came and took care of his crops as an appreciation of what he had done for them the year before."

On June 2nd, 1847 he disposed of 40 acres of this land to Christian Brand for \$500 and on Aug. 17, 1849 he sold 40 acres to his son-in-law, J. G. Kintner for \$400.

On April 10th, 1851 the darkest cloud of his life came over his home when his beloved wife, Mary (Fry), passed away in death. Having small children, he needed help so he remarried some time after a Margaret Johnson, who was not the kind of help mate needed.

About two years later, he went with his wife to visit her daughter in Crawford Co. some miles south of their home. This daughter had boasted that she would fix him, thinking this terrible thought. He thought that all malice had ended and remained for a visit with his wife's daughter. One day he tasted something in his coffee and he put it down without drinking it all. As he put it down, he said, "I am poisoned." She grabbed the cup and threw it out the door and later that night he became ill and died two weeks later on July 7th, 1853. His body was buried side of his true wife and two little sons in the little graveyard southeast of Bloomville, Ohio. This hallowed spot has been visited by us and the tombstones are marked plainly. He was yet a young man of only 43 years.

Thus ended the earthly life of one who instilled into the veins of these families, none of which carry his name, but who should and do respect him as their father. Without a question this act was caused because of his outwardness against sin which has caused the death of many who stood firm in the faith of Him who gave His life on the cross for us.

We have not the families of the older four daughters complete but I will give you what I have found.

Fannie married George Kintner, and they had twelve children, two dying in infancy.

Elizabeth married a brother of George whose name was Andrew Kintner. To this union seventeen children were born. Only seven grew to maturity. Sarah, the oldest, died at the age of 23 years and was never married. Two daughters and four sons married. In 1924 Elizabeth had 34 grandchildren (31 living) and 51 great grandchildren (49 living).

Mary at 16 married Martin Hiestant and moved to Upper Sandusky, Ohio and later moved to Red Key, Ind., where she died April 14, 1915 and was brought back to Ohio for burial in the Union Cemetery about 5 miles south of Sycamore, Ohio, which is not far from Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

To this union six children were born. Last known addresses were:

Delilah Spencer, R.F.D.1, Dunkirk, Ind.

Isaiak Hiestant (I think it should be Issac) Red Key, Ind.

five children (1 girl and 4 boys-1 boy died in 1924)

Sophia McClellen, Mexico, Ohio, between Tiffin and Upper Sandusky, Ohio died 1890, leaving one daughter.

Amanda Ridgeway, died at Red Key, Ind, in 1894, leaving one son, Russel, who has one child.

Sarah Miller, Bucyrus, Ohio died recently leaving three children (no grandchildren).

Johan Fickel, 2 children, one living near Carey, Ohio.

In 1924, the known descendants were 6 children, 12 grand-children, and one great grand child.

Anna married David Traxler and had 10 children.

This is all the information I have, and if you can send me her complete family I will appreciate it very much.

Magdalena married John Behm in Jan. 1862, to this union six children were born. Only one now survives. Soon after their marriage they moved to Inwood, Ind. where they remained until after the third child was born, returning to Seneca County in the winter of 1869. These children are:

David---born Feb. 29th, 1863, was killed July 1st, 1875 while working with his father in the woods at the age of 12 yrs., 5 mos. and 1 da., south of Bloomville, Ohio

Anna---Born at Inwood, Ind. in 1865, died in 1866

Mary Mariah---(my mother) still living, born in Inwood, Ind. Oct. 3rd, 1868. She was raised near Bloomville, Seneca Co., Ohio until 14 yrs. old. Then she came to a farm near Tiffin where she started working out after moving. She married Morris Robert Groman, formerly of Lehigh Co., Pa. Feb. 2nd, 1888 by the late Dr. Rust of Second Reformed Church of which they both became members. Ten children were born to this union, 6 boys and 4 girls. Four boys and one girl are still living.

My mother spent her life at Tiffin, Ohio where she still lives and all her children were born there and became members of the Second Reformed Church where three of the sons have held offices in the consistory of the church. The other son is a member of his home church in Fostoria as a trustee.

Her husband, Morris Robert Groman passed away the morning after Mothers' Day May 9th, 1932 at the age of almost 72 years.

The children of this union are:

Stephen Morris, born Jan. 7th, 1889. After leaving school he started learning the printing trade, but after six days of illness with appendicitis passed away at the age of 17 years, 8 months, and 4 days.

Martin Harrison Morris, born April 23rd, 1891. Married Miss Ruth Shower Nov. 10th, 1914, who died 13 mo. later on Nov. 30, 1915. No children. On Mar. 23rd, 1918 he again married to a Miss Lottie Berlin of Belleville, Ohio. They have four children: Helen-21, Theodocia-18, Martin, Jr.-17, and Mildred-14. He is active in the Evangelical Church.

Tebalt Robert (known as Ted)-the writer- born June 8th, 1893. He went into the Grocery-Fish-Poultry business retail with Martin on Jan. 23rd, 1912

and on March 1st, 1918 the partnership was dissolved on a friendly basis because of financial losses. I married Edith Marsteller June 20th, 1916, a girl from this city. There are four children., one boy and three girls. They are Theodore Robert-23, teaching public school music and church choir work at Lisbon, Columbiana Co., Ohio; Edith Floreine-19, helping me at the store; Mary Ellen-18, attending Heidelberg College here in Tiffin; Dorothy Jean-15, now in the tenth grade in Tiffin, where they all graduated from high school. All are in the choir at the church. I have been an officer in the church since 1914.

Twin boys---Albert Franklin and Oliver John, born Christmas Day, 1895. They have been in the coal business for years as the Groman Bros.

Albert married Anna Diehl of Sandusky, Ohio June 26th, 1928. She died Nov. 5th, 1930 and they had no children. He then married Dorothy Hollipeter on Sept. , 1934. They have had three children; Paul Edwin-5, Rachel Ann-born June 5th, 1938 and died April 2nd, 1939, and David Franklin born Feb. 16th, 1941.

Oliver John, the other twin, married Esther Gromann(no relation) in November, 1926. To this union three children were born. Margaret-13, Morris-11, and Allen-8. The mother died when Allen was 8 weeks old. One and a half years later on Sept. 14th, Oliver passed away from a ruptured appendix and a lonesome broken heart, as they were very devoted to each other. Her mother is raising the two older and our sister, who will be mentioned later, is raising the youngest boy, Allen Oliver.

Mollie Marie---Born July 20th, 1899 and died 14 mos. later on Sept. 22nd. 1900.

Maude Theresa---Born Sept. 28th, 1900. She married Carlton Shelt on Feb. 25th, 1919. They had 2 children, 1 boy who died at birth and Marjorie Jane born Nov. 10th, 1924. The mother died 8 weeks later on Jan. 8th, 1925. The father died nine years later in Oct. 1933. My mother is raising the girl who is now 16 years old.

Phoebe Dorothy--- Born June 6th, 1902, died at 8 weeks.

Pearl Floreine---Born Aug. 16th, 1903. She married Raymond Schubert on November 1st, 1925. They have no children but they are raising Oliver's youngest boy.

Charles William Frederick---the baby of the family was born Jan. 27th, 1908. He graduated from high school and married Winnie Gordon of Fostoria, Ohio and they are living in Tiffin and he is a kiln fireman in the pottery here. They have two fine boys, Harry-7 and Billy-4.

These are the rest of my mother's family-----

The family of Magdalena and John Behm are as follows:(this continues from pg. 3)

Elijah---born 1874, died suddenly in April 1875.

Eli--- Born March 1877 and scalded to death in December 1879 at the age 2 yrs. and 9 mo.

John Behm, Jr. --- sixth child was born Sept. 13th, 1879. He married Lizzie Webster and purchased a farm in Reed Township, Seneca Co. He died there on July 2nd, 1910 and was buried at the Baker Cemetery several miles from Tiffin. He had three children but only one lived. Howard, born Sept. 7th, 1901 and died Dec. 23, 1902., and twin boys, Merl and Earl. Earl died at 5 mos. , but Merl is married and living at Dayton, Ohio.

Because of the tragic deaths of the three sons Elijah, David, and Eli, a feeling arose which was never healed and Magdalena and John were divorced. He, going to Lopaz, Indiana spent the rest of his life there. She came to Tiffin and answered an advertisement for a housekeeper of a man who had lost his wife in death. After some time they were married and two daughters were born to this union. The man's name was Theobald Ardner.

Magdalena passed away April 25th, 1918 at the home of her daughter, Theresa Ruehle, four miles north of Tiffin and her funeral was conducted in the Second Reformed Church by the pastor (Rev. D. R. Raiser). Burial was beside her second husband, Theobald Ardner in the family lot in Green lawn Cemetery here at Tiffin, Ohio. She was buried on her 74th birthday.

From her second marriage to Theobald Ardner there were two girls:

Theresa was born Feb. 16th, 1885 and is married to Ralph Ruehle. They live in Tiffin and had three girls. Aleta-24 is a nurse in Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio: Irene-21 is a teacher in the centralized schools of Clinton Township, Seneca Co. Ruth Mary-15 is in the 10th grade in high school here.

Pheobe was born April 7th, 1889 and married Elliot Harpine. She died at Cascade, Montana in October 1930 leaving 11 children. Four children preceded her in death and the other seven are still living. They are Ray, Rolly, Pauline, Teddy, Homer, Harry, and Marie.

Magdalena lived to see her first great-grandchild, my son, who was born that March 8th and on Easter Sunday April 14th, we took him out so she could see him. She held him long enough to take a house snap-shot of her holding this first great-grandchild, which was a great joy to her.

Written and compiled in the year of our Lord 1941
Theobald (tebalt) (Ted) Robert Groman
Great grandson of Rev. Frederick Alderfer

Frederick

~~JOSEPH~~ ALDERFER AND DESCENDANTS

The ancestor of all the Alderfer's families in America so far as is know, was born in the "Palatinate" in Germany on the 18th of May, 1715 and was christened to the Lutheran faith.

The time of his arrival in Philadelphia on the ship "Samuel" was August 11, 1732. The records also show the arrival of the same ship as August 17, 1733. The probabilities now are that there were two Frederick Alderfers who came to America. The one arriving in 1732 located in Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. and the one arriving in 1733 located in Lancaster County, Pa. and later going to Virginia.

Frederick Alderfer, the ancestor that we claim, fled to America to avoid the military service in Germany, having no money to pay for his passage to America, became a redemptioner to Haus Klemmer of Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa. who paid his passage fee. Before he had served out his full time Mr. Klemmer died, leaving a young widow and two daughters as well as 100 acres of land. In 1738 Frederick Alderfer married the widow Klemmer. To them were born 4 sons and two daughters.

So well did he succeed in his temporal affairs, that in 1776 we find him taxed for 490 acres of land and a grist mill. This mill was since known as Alderfer's mill and, though owned now by a Groff who married an Alderfer, is still known as Alderfer's mill.

The children of Frederick Alderfer and Auwa (Detwiler) (Klemmer) Alderfer were as follows:

Jacob Alderfer was born Jan. 5, 1739
Mary Alderfer was born July 14, 1742
John Alderfer was born Feb. 8, 1745
Abraham Alderfer was born Nov. 4, 1747
Joseph Alderfer was born Feb. 4, 1751
Susanna Alderfer was born Mar. 10, 1754

Susanna and Mary Alderfer both died unmarried, Susanna at the age of 5 yrs. and Mary at the age of 34 yrs.

Abraham and Joseph both married but left no children, but Jacob and John both had families and have many descendants.

Jacob Alderfer married Elizabeth Kulp. They had five children: Frederick, Isaac, Gertrude, Ann, and Jacob.

John Alderfer married Elizabeth Rosenberger. They had eight children: Ann, Benjamin, Frederick, Mary, Joseph, Abraham, Elizabeth, and John.

John Alderfer lived at the Alderfer's mill on the Branch Creek near Lederach, Montgomery county, Pa. He recieved the mill from his father, Frederick Alderfer and 140 acres of land.

John Alderfer was born Feb. 8, 1745 and died Dec. 19, 1820 at the age of 75 years, 10 months, and 11 days. His wife Elizabeth died August 7, 1823 aged 75 years, 16 months, and 28 days. They are both buried in the Salford Mennonite Cemetary. Both were members of the Salford Mennonite Church.

Frederick Alderfer (John), your great-great grandfather, was first married January 4, 1798 to Susan Showalter. They had six children: John, still-born/son, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Joseph, and another son still born.

The mother Susan Showalter Alderfer died in confinement Sept. 7, 1807. She was born Oct. 24, 1776 and was 30 yrs, 10 mo., and 14 da. when she died. She is buried in Charlestown, Chester County, Pa.

Frederick Alderfer married the second time Nov. 5, 1807 to a widow named Elizabeth Shott. To this union 3 children were born. They were Barbara, Frederick, and Henry. Frederick was your ~~great~~-great grandfather.

Elizabeth Rosenberger Shott Alderfer was born Aug. 17, 1875, but when she died and her age is not known. Nor is it known where she is buried, but it is thought to be in Phoenixville, Chester County, Pa.

Frederick Alderfer married the third time Jan. 12, 1823 to Anna Frederick. To this union one child was born, Isaac.

Frederick Alderfer lived about one mile north-east of Evansburg, Montgomery County, Pa. where his son Isaac lived. He was generally known as Fritz to distinguish him from his cousin Frederick of Lower Salford who was known as Frederick the Saddler.

Frederick Alderfer was born Nov. 21, 1773 and died Dec. 9, 1854, aged 81 yrs, 15 mos. He is buried at the Mennonite burial grounds in Upper Providence.

Montgomery County, Pa.

Frederick R. Alderfer married Mary Frey. From this union resulted five children. Fannie married J. George Kintner, Sherwood, Ohio; Elizabeth married Andrew Kintner; Mary married Martin Heistand; Anna married David Trexler, La-Place, Ill.; Mary Magdalena married Behn, Bloomsville, Seneca County, Ohio.

From here down I must ask you to furnish me with the family records of Frederick R. Alderfer, your great grandfather, and his family or descendants. For this I would thank you heartily.

If in the foregoing I have left out something that you would like to know be free to ask for it.

You will notice that I under scored Abraham, the son of John Alderfer, who was a brother of Frederick Alderfer your great-great grandfather. My father and your grand mother were second cousins. I am of the 6th generation and you are of the 7th generation.

Henry Alderfer, your great grandfather's brother married Margaret Rosenberger. They had one child who died in infancy. Henry Alderfer was born May 15, 1812 and died July 5, 1834, aged 22 years, one month and 20 days. Henry Alderfer is buried in the Mennonite cemetery in Providence, Montgomery County, Pa.

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Alderfer

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